



## OLR BACKGROUNDER: CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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This 21-member committee is within the Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

The committee consists of architects, engineers, builders, building and fire officials, and public members, among others.

### ISSUE

Briefly describe the Codes and Standards Committee.

The 21-member state Codes and Standards Committee works with the state building inspector and state fire marshal to adopt and enforce the state building and state fire safety and prevention codes ([CGS §§ 29-251 et seq.](#)).

The committee meets monthly (except in July, when it does not meet) to hear appeals. It meets at other times when necessary to deal with code business.

Table 1 shows the composition of the committee. All the members are appointed by the DAS commissioner.

Table 1: State Codes and Standards Committee Membership

<i>Members and Their Qualifications</i>	<i>Number</i>
Architects	2
Professional engineers (Two must practice structural, mechanical, or electrical engineering, but not the same specialty. The third must be a practicing fire protection or mechanical engineer with extensive experience in fire protection.)	3
Public health official	1
Builders or construction superintendents (One must have expertise in residential and the other in nonresidential construction.)	2
Building officials	2
Local fire marshals	2
Connecticut member of a national building trade labor organization	1

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Energy efficiency expert	1
Public members (One must have expertise related to handicapped building accessibility matters and be selected from a list of names submitted by the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities.)	4
Electrical work contractor or a member of a statewide electrical trades labor organization	1
Plumbing and piping work contractor or a member of a statewide plumbing trades labor organization	1
Heating, piping, and cooling work contractor or a member of a statewide heating and cooling trades labor organization	1

All of the committee's members, except the public members, must have at least 10 years practical experience in their profession or business. Members are not compensated for their services.

The committee may, within available resources, employ assistants necessary to conduct its business ([CGS § 29-251](#)).

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